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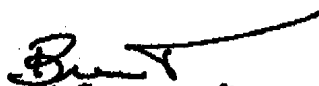
MEMORANDUM FOR

George S. Springsteen, Jr.
Executive Secretary
Department of State

Defense has been complaining to me about State's failure to pay its share of transportation costs for bringing Vice President Huong (GVN) to Walter Reed for medical treatment.

According to Defense, the total bill is \$52,045, including a dedicated hospital plane utilized to bring him here on an emergency basis. Defense feels this was a cooperative venture between Defense and State and that your share, therefore, comes to \$26,000. They say that you have offered to pay only \$3,000 which is the commercial tariff rate for such a trip.

I remember the incident but not all the details relating thereto. I would appreciate your looking into the matter.


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